



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Seiji UMEMOTO, et al.

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Examiner: Alan B. CARIASO

For: LIGHT PIPE, PLANE LIGHT SOURCE UNIT AND REFLECTION TYPE LIQUID-CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Applicants offer the following comments in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance set forth on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability (dated November 7, 2003). Even though the application includes two independent formulations of the invention, the reason for allowance merely paraphrase only claim 1. For example, independent claim 13 does not recite "*an anti-reflection layer made of a circular polarizer and bonded to the lower surface of the plate-like member through the adhesive layer.*" In this respect, the statement is deficient by failing to acknowledge that claims 1 and 13 were allowed for independent reasons.

Respectfully submitted,

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